

House Resolution 1472

By: Representative Cole of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Laura and Walter Geiger; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Laura and Walter Geiger have long been recognized for commitment to their
3 community, their love of history, and their fascination with the life and legacy of Gibert du
4 Motier, the marquis de Lafayette; and

5 WHEREAS, business owners and philanthropists, Mr. and Mrs. Geiger are owners of *The*
6 *Barnesville Herald Gazette* and the *Pike County Journal and Reporter* and are the
7 embodiment of model citizens, contributing numerous hours of their time and donating
8 resources to the community of Lamar County and the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1987, the Geigers purchased the historic Gachet House outside Barnesville,
10 Georgia, where it is legend that Lafayette stayed during his visit to Georgia, and spent
11 several years restoring the building to its original glory; and

12 WHEREAS, over the years, the Geigers have scoured antique shops collecting anything they
13 could find associated with Lafayette, the French hero of the Revolutionary War, and have
14 amassed a collection which features 16 pieces of art, including lithographs and engravings
15 that depict the various stages of Lafayette's life; and

16 WHEREAS, after their recent sale of the Gachet House, the Geigers decided to donate their
17 Lafayette collection to LaGrange College in honor of first-year student Hill Daniel who was
18 paralyzed in a car accident a year ago; and

19 WHEREAS, the Geigers felt the collection should be in honor of Hill and his family for the
20 example they set by rising above victimhood and exhibiting an incredible strength and faith
21 in God; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition for their generosity and service to the community, Mr. and Mrs.
23 Geiger were recognized with 2009 Citizens of the Year Awards from the Barnesville-Lamar
24 Chamber of Commerce; and

25 WHEREAS, the charity and kindness demonstrated by Mr. and Mrs. Geiger serve as an
26 example to others and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to have such a benevolent
27 couple as citizens.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Laura and Walter Geiger on their generous gift to
30 LaGrange College in recognition of a strong and enduring family.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Geiger.